

EAST YORKSHIRE GROUP L.D.W.A. – EAST RIDING HERITAGE WAY

STAGE FOUR – THE HEADLAND WALK – 22 MILES

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Explorer Map 301

Before attempting this walk – check the Tide Times

From the harbour TL to follow the promenade through the Fun Fair. It opens out and then continues along the cliff top green area until we reach the Cricket Field, where it soon becomes a single pathway at the side of the Golf Course. The path bears slightly inland to a path junction. TR downhill to the beach at Danes Dyke end.

Take the steps upward on the opposite side and continue along the cliff top via Beacon Hill. Drop down the steps to South Landing beach. Up the other side. Still follow the cliff top all the way round to the Lighthouse. Take the FP cliff side of it to reach the Café and parking area. (6 miles)

From here follow the cliff top FP alongside the Golf Course to eventually reach a wide area, where a choice of FPs eventually takes you round to North Landing. Along the FP in front of the Car Park. Take the steps down into a gully. Climb out keeping left. Take the FP that again keeps left of the bungalows to reach the access lane to Thornwick Bay Café. TR, then keep left to go round the end of the gully. Continue up the grassy slope. Now back on the cliff top FP we go via the north end of Danes Dyke to reach the RSPB Visitor Centre turn off. (5 miles)

After this the FP continues along the cliff top to rise up to the Trig Point on Buckton Cliffs. We start to generally descend slowly until the FP turns sharp right down a narrow gully * **EROSION IS A CLEAR PROBLEM HERE** * as you pick your way down to eventually arrive at a stone seat. Here the FP sign points down the cliff * **BUT BEWARE AS ONCE AGAIN THE PROBLEM IN THIS AREA IS EROSION, AND YOU WILL COME ACROSS IT THE FURTHER DOWN THE HILL YOU GO** *

The safer option (from one who has walked this area extensively over the years) is to TL uphill and follow the FP to Speeton Church. Go by the village pond. TR to follow the road along through the village to where it turns sharp left. Go straight ahead on the FP that follows three field edges to reach the road at Reighton. (4.6 miles)

TR to follow the footway that eventually goes downhill to the centre of the village. Just after the bus shelter TR down Watson's Lane. It soon becomes a FP which goes along a field edge to reach a junction. TL along the track to reach and cross Sands Road, then take the FP alongside the field that curves round onto a wider

FP. When it narrows go through the bushes, descend the steps and TR onto the beach at Hunmanby Gap. The final section is along the beach: if your timing is right you can follow it all the way to the Coble Landing and Lifeboat Station. If not make your way along the promenade, keeping left of the paddling pool to reach the same destination. (4.4 miles)

KEY: FP - Foot Path, BW – Bridleway, FB – Foot Bridge, TR – Turn Right, TL – Turn Left